

RECYCLING IN DESOTO COUNTY

| MATERIAL | WHERE TO RECYCLE | HOW TO PREPARE IT FOR RECYCLING |
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| Aluminum and Steel (Tin) Cans | Olive Branch Food Pantry, Desoto Civic Center. Consult the yellow pages or the MS Recycling Directory at deq.state.ms.us for a local scrap metal recycler. | Rinse aluminum and steel cans Paper labels on steel cans <u>do not</u> have to be removed Stomp cans flat to save space |
| Newspapers, computer and white office paper, and mixed paper | Oak Grove Elementary on Oak Grove Road in Hernando See below for additional drop-off sites for paper recycling in DeSoto County. | Paper should be clean and dry Plastic bags are a contaminant to paper recycling so throw away any plastic bags used to store the paper. |
| Plastic Bottles - Only clear and opaque #1's and #2's (number is found on the bottom of the plastic bottle). Soft drink, milk, water bottles, etc. Do not include plastic tubs (margarine, yogurt and ice cream containers, etc.), or motor oil bottles. | Consult the yellow pages or the Plastics Recyclers' Directory at deq.state.ms.us for a plastics recycler. | Rinse plastic bottles Remove and throw away plastic caps Stomp flat to save space |
| Used Motor Oil | Advance Auto Parts - 1 to 3 gallons AutoZones - 1 to 3 gallons Wal-Mart Tire & Lube Express - 1 to 3 gallons Desoto County Maintenance Shops-10947 Old Hwy 78, 5700 Delta View, 2339 Gwynn Rd., Boggan Lane | Place used motor oil in empty milk or oil bottle(s) with screw-on cap. |
| Tires and Lead Acid Batteries | Advance Auto Parts will take your old lead acid batteries at no charge without the purchase of a new one. Autozone, NAPA and Wal-Mart will take your old battery with the purchase of a new battery. Tires-Desoto County Rubbish Pit-5255 W. Sandidge Rd., Desoto County Centralkl Maintenance Shop-2339 Gwynn Rd. Call 662/429-5593 for your nearest waste tire disposal site in DeSoto County. | Leave old tires and lead acid batteries with the retailer who sells and/or installs the new one on your vehicle. They are required to accept them by law. Tires and lead acid batteries are banned from landfills, the waste hauler will not collect them with your household garbage. |
| Nickel-Cadmium (Ni-Cd) Rechargeable Batteries - batteries that power camcorders, cordless and cellular phones, laptop computers and cordless power tools. | Call 1-800-8-BATTERY for the nearest retail drop-off site in DeSoto County. | N/A |

Other sites for paper recycling: **Hernando**- First Presbyterian Church, Hernando Elementary, Oak Grove Elementary **Olive Branch** – Olive Branch Food Pantry, Olive Branch Intermediate School **Southaven** – Desoto Civic Center **Horn Lake** - Horn Lake High School, Harley Davidson Southern Thunder **Walls** – Walls Elementary

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Did You Know . . .

Each year in Mississippi we throw away enough garbage to cover 600 football fields to a depth of 6 feet in compacted garbage!!!

Our garbage is made up of the following: 41% paper, 18% yard waste, 9% metals, 8% glass, 8% food waste, 7% plastic, and 9% other.

Approximately 40 to 60% of our waste stream is recyclable.

Newspapers are recycled into new newspapers, paper egg cartons, cereal boxes, cellulose household insulation, and acoustical ceiling tiles.

Corrugated boxes are recycled into new corrugated containers.

Aluminum cans and/or aluminum scrap are recycled into metal products made of aluminum including airplanes, cars, and more soda cans.

Steel cans and/or steel scrap are recycled into metal products made of steel including structural steel in building, bolts and nuts, coathangers and more steel cans.

Plastic bottles are recycled into plastic lumber for picnic tables and park benches, carpet, clothing, and more plastic bottles.

Used motor oil is recycled into re-refined motor oil or fuel blended with other fuels to be burned at industry boilers for energy.

Recycling Publications

How to Reduce Junk Mail

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Proper Disposal of Paints and Thinners

Establishing a Backyard Compost Area

Establishing a Backyard Worm Bin for Composting Food Waste

Landscaping for Energy Savings

Alternatives to Household Hazardous Waste Products

Contact MDEQ for copies of these brochures

For information about litter free Mississippi, call Keep Mississippi Beautiful at 1/800-545-3764. To report people who litter, call 1/800-545-3764 or cellular users dial *47. Give vehicle license number, brief description of vehicle, location, time and date. Be apart of the recycling team, join the Mississippi Recycling Coalition(MRC) by calling the MRC at 1/800-545-3764 and request membership information. **Checkout Earth's 911 website at www.cleanup.org or call 1/800cleanup for more information on recycling in DeSoto County.**

If you have questions or need more information about recycling, composting, or pollution prevention, or would like to have a recycling presentation given at your organization, contact the Recycling and Solid Waste Reduction Program at the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality at 601/961-5171. This educational flyer was developed and produced by the Recycling and Solid Waste Reduction Program at the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.

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